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31 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for the Administrative
Radio Conference of the International
Telecommunications Union (ITU), Geneva,
17 August to 17 December 1959

1. The ITU Administrative Radio Conference, with representation from 90 countries, will be convened at Geneva in August to revise the Radio Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunications Convention (Atlantic City 1947), and additional radio regulations. Examination of published proposals indicates conflicts of interest, particularly between the U.S. and the USSR. The most important of these concern radio spectrum allocation for (a) long range military aircraft communications, (b) long distance telephone and telegraph traffic, and (c) international broadcasting.

2. The Chairman of the U.S. Delegation is Commissioner T.A.M. Craven, FCC. Most of the U.S. delegates are from the FCC, but there are also representatives of the Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Federal Aviation Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, Office of the Attorney General, Coast Guard, U.S. Information Agency, Department of State, and National Bureau of Standards. Mr. William Minners, S/COM, has the complete list of delegates.

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[REDACTED] will go to Geneva for this purpose. Files of intelligence documents and studies will be sent. The delegation has already been briefed by the various offices of this Agency.

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25X1A9a 4. It has been agreed that the focal point to service requests for additional intelligence support will be GFR/S/COM. Mr. [REDACTED] is preparing a DD/I notice to this effect, to notify other offices in the DD/I area, and to ask that they in turn appoint a single point of contact to work with S/COM in answering requests from Geneva.

5. You may wish to bring these facts to the attention of the EIC members. It may turn out that we will need information and ad hoc assistance from other departments and agencies represented on the EIC. While this is not yet certain, we recommend that the EIC members be alerted to this possibility.

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Chief, Economic Research Area

cc: Chief, S/COM

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